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Results of the Past Season.

I have 85 colonies. The honey season for 1902 was poor. I took 3500 pound sections of honey in August. September has always been our best month, but this year we did not get a section after August.

ALFRED E. SMITH.

Posey Co., Ind., Dec. 2.

Young Queens Swarming.

My first swarm came out May 21, and was put in a hive filled with old comb, and the same queen had a swarm out the last of June, and left 15 pounds of honey in sections.

The colony that swarmed May 21 cast a swarm August 3; that was a very large swarm, as large as any I ever saw, and I have kept bees the past 30 years. This young queen must have laid the eggs of this swarm that was hived August 3; and November 22 it was killing off the drones.

All three new colonies have enough to winter on. They are Italian bees and are in movable-comb hives.

C. HODGKINS.

Cheshire Co., N. H., Dec. 3.

A Shade-Board for Hives.

On page 728, W. R. Ansell describes, before the Minnesota Bee-Keepers' Convention, a shade-board made of laths and shingles.

Would it be possible to have his method of shading described a little more particularly? It might also be practical to insert the illustrations which Mr. Ansell presented at the convention.

I believe that many bee-keepers are interested in a practical shade-board, and would appreciate it if this shading-board were fully described.

I am just preparing my bees for wintering, and find I have 87 colonies in good condition. Bees have not gathered much honey this year, and I never have seen bees as mean and angry as they were this year. I suppose the changeable cold weather was the cause of it.

I like the American Bee Journal very much, and have received a great deal of valuable information from it.

R. A. HOLEKAMP.

St. Louis Co., Mo., Dec. 2.

[A picture of Mr. Ansell's shade-board was sent us, but it was not the right kind to make an engraving. If he will send us a good one, with full description, we will be glad to publish all.—EDITOR.]

Keeping Bees on Shares.

From the comical aspect, this little branch of the great apicultural waters does not glide away to a haven of peace and rest; but in reality there is no better or cheaper way for the beginner to get a start in bees, and, in many cases, may be the best way for the apiarist who is overstocked with bees, to manage his surplus colonies. Else out-apiaries

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must be started, which means a great expense, and calls for almost ceaseless attention.

In letting bees out on shares, one is then free to turn his attention to other matters, and all that is made is clear gain. While one has the whole production of an out-apriary, after the expenses are taken out, the profit is more than apt to fall below what it would have been if the bees had been out on shares of half.

I have kept bees on shares, and have let them out on shares; in fact, I still have 8 colonies that I am keeping in this way, and have over 200 colonies out on shares, scattered about among a number of farmers, and covering a range of 300 miles, in two States. Yet I have never had the slightest misunderstanding with any with whom I had dealings in this respect.

It was necessity which forced me to adopt this method of disposing of my surplus colonies at first; but I am now free to place my bees in out-apriaries and tend them myself, and I do not care to.

In order to avoid any misunderstanding, the whole agreement is put in writing, and provision made for every detail, however trifling. Then, as soon as the honey season is over, a division of stock is usually made, and each party takes his chances of wintering. The old colonies, of course, are not divided, but remain the property of the one who let them out in the spring for a share of what they may produce in swarms and honey.

The man who has nothing to do but attend his out-apriaries can sometimes make these quite profitable; but for one who has other matters to claim a good share of his attention, it may be best to let his surplus colonies out on shares.

L. E. KERR.

Saline Co., Ark.

Sweetening Sour Honey.

On page 763 is a query in regard to sweetening sour honey. I have had some experience along that line, and will give my method of treatment. Last fall I had four tons of sour honey, it was thoroughly candied before it commenced to sour, and some of it was fermented so badly that the cans bulged and had to be replaced with others. I procured a galvanized-iron tank capable of holding ten 60-pound cans. I sawed strips of board, placing them on the bottom of the tank. I then filled the tank with water, until $\frac{1}{2}$ of the can was submerged, built a fire under the tank, and in about 5 hours the first lot was thoroughly heated and ready to be taken out and poured into a large honey-tank. I continued to treat each lot the same until it was all finished, then let it stand 4 or 5 days, and when thoroughly cool skimmed off what foam had risen, and I had as good a grade of honey as before it soured, and I think the color had improved. In heating, the honey had a tendency to run out of the can; to obviate that it will be necessary to draw a little from each as it melts. An old pop or squirt gun answers for that purpose. Whatever is drawn off must be thoroughly heated before being added to the tank. I had a separate vessel to heat that in.

W. W. VARNER.

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A Broken Silence—Rearing-Queens.

Except for Dr. Gallup's startling discovery, as told on page 408, I should not think of disclosing the remarkable facts which are to follow. But when the "cat is out of the bag" why seek to keep secret longer that which so mightily concerns the rearing of queens full of years?

It was early in my bee-keeping career that I first noticed the umbilical cord (scientific name, *pupaskinna castoifera*) of the queen-bee. I attached great importance to that attachment, and immediately placed an attachment on my discovery. What I recovered and discovered is as follows:

I reasoned that the royal jelly is so thick and tough that the poor queen, in the short time at her disposal, could only get a little benefit from the food through the umbilical cord—*pupaskinna castoifera*. If I could substitute a thin and vitalizing fluid I could, per

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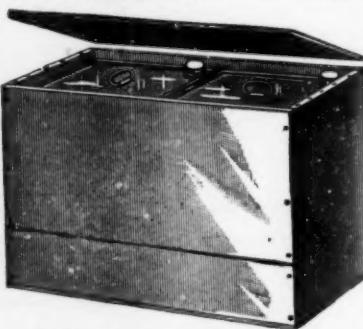
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